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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government have received report of a Task Force constituted to suggest strategy for transformation of India into a `Knowledge Super Power` in I.T.;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to implement these recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYAND COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b) and (c): A high powered `National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development`, set up by the Prime Minister`s Office, with the objective to make India an IT destination, has submitted its report. Government of India accepted the recommendations with the direction to all concerned Ministries /Departments of the Government of India for amendmentsto the procedures /laws related to them fully reflecting the spirit of the recommendations. The status of Action Taken Report on the 108 recommendations of the Task Force is as under:-

Implemented	=	64
Not Implemented	=	04
Not accepted	=	03
On going	=	37

The major recommendations of the Task Force relate to simplified policies and procedures in telecommunication sector, enactment of Cyber Laws to promote e-commerce and to provide security to electronic transaction, simplifications in labour laws for IT sector, fiscal incentives, promotion of IT in schools and rural areas, computerization in Government and to increase computer literacy at grass root levels.